

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## New Jersey 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
SUMMER FLOUNDER	9,248	2,728	4,790	6,520	16.5"
WEAKFISH	1,699	921	1,911	778	18.1"
BLUEFISH	1,519	817	4,186	702	21.2"
BLACK SEA BASS	1,508	273	291	1,235	12.2"
STRIPED BASS	577	89	1,333	488	33.2"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

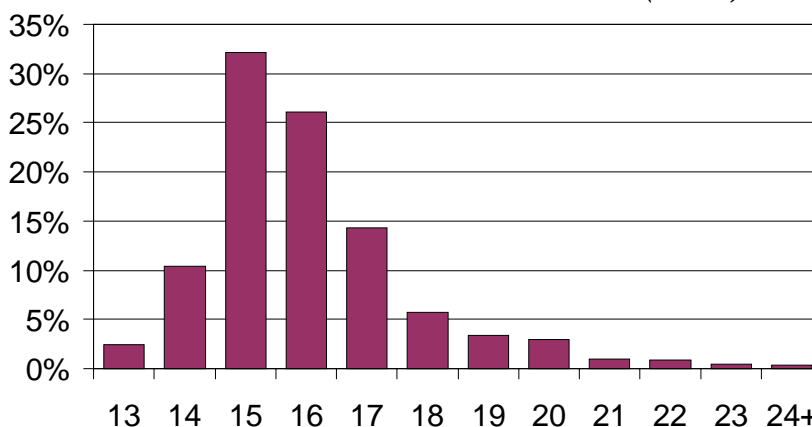
### Summer Flounder

*Paralichthys dentatus*



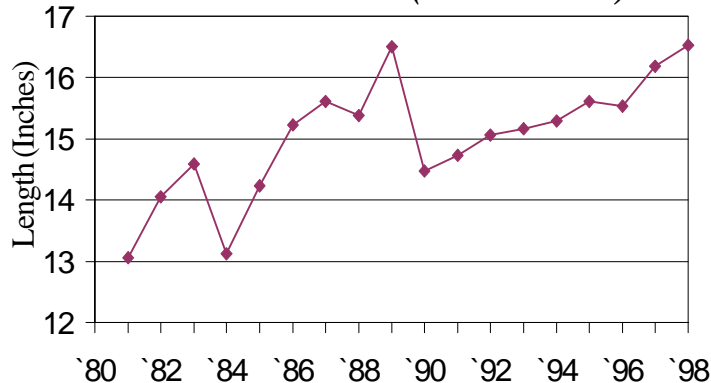
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 65 species of marine fish landed in New Jersey.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Summer Flounder (1998)

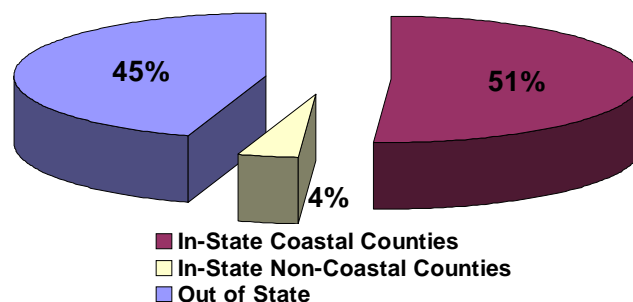


In 1998, over 58% of harvested summer flounder averaged between 15 and 16 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Summer Flounder (1981 - 1998)

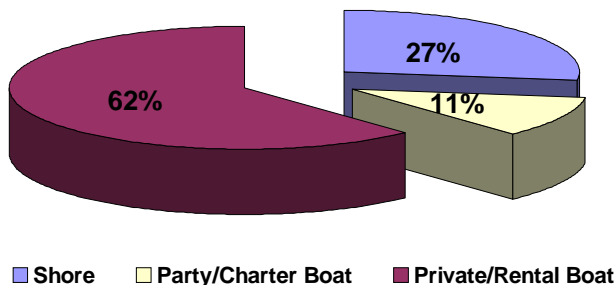


### New Jersey Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



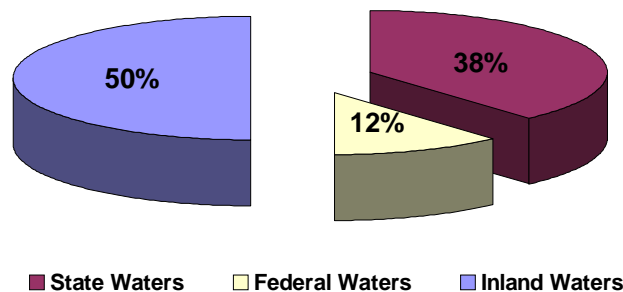
In 1998, nearly 786,000 anglers participated in New Jersey's Marine Recreational Fishery.

### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)

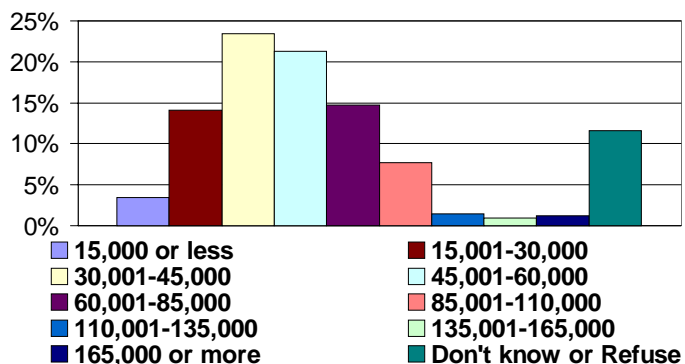


In 1998, anglers took over 4.3 million saltwater fishing trips in New Jersey.

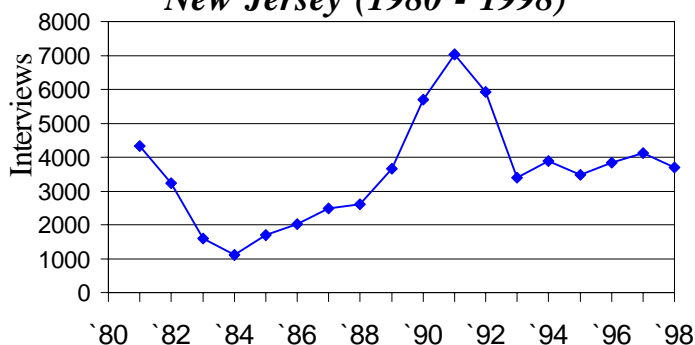
### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



### Income Distribution for New Jersey Anglers (1994)



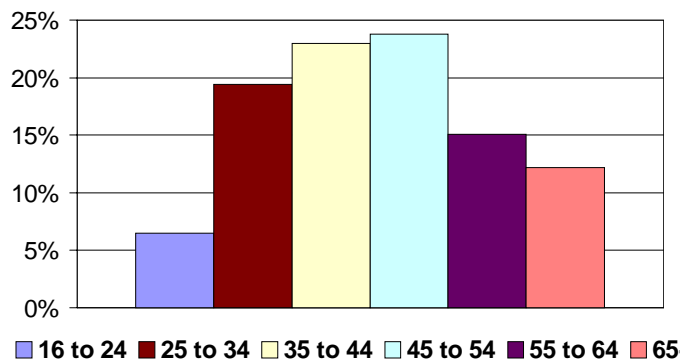
### Number of Completed Field Surveys New Jersey (1980 - 1998)



In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,695 surveys in New Jersey.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

### Age Distribution of New Jersey Anglers (1994)



## NEW JERSEY MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (FGW)  
(609) 292-2965  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/index.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/index.htm)

New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife (FGW) - Marine Fisheries  
(609) 292-1056  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/marhome.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/marhome.htm)

NJ FGW - Marine Rules and Regulations  
(609) 292-1057  
[www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/marreg99.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/marreg99.htm)

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
(302) 674-5399 [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
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